

Appl. No. 09/829,168
Atty. Docket No. P-116RC
Amdt. Dated February 2, 2004
Reply to Office Action of October 31, 2003
Customer No. 27,752

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. *(Previously amended)* A method for providing nutrition to a critical care canine comprising:

administering to said canine an amount of an artificially produced canine milk substitute composition comprising, on a dry matter basis, from about 35 to 45% protein, from about 25 to 35% fat, and from about 10 to 25% carbohydrates; wherein said protein comprises casein and whey in a weight ratio of about 70:30.

2. *(Canceled).*

3. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition comprises about 38% protein.

4. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition comprises about 28% fat.

5. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition comprises about 19% carbohydrates.

6. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which the source of fat is selected from the group consisting of corn oil, canola oil, butter oil, arachidonic acid, docosahexaenoic acid, and blends thereof.

7. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains fatty acids expressed as a percentage of total fatty acids on a dry matter basis, of from

Appl. No. 09/829,168
Atty. Docket No. P-116RC
Amdt. Dated February 2, 2004
Reply to Office Action of October 31, 2003
Customer No. 27,752

15 to 19% palmitic acid, from about 5 to 9% stearic acid, from about 34 to 38% oleic acid, from about 17 to 21% linoleic acid, from about 1 to 4% α -linoleic acid, from about 0.5 to 2% arachidonic acid, from about 0.2 to 1% docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), from about 2 to 5% Omega-3 fatty acids, from about 18 to 22% Omega-6 fatty acids, and from about 1 to 4% trans fatty acids.

8. *(Currently amended)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains amino acids expressed as a percentage of total essential amino acids on a dry matter basis of from about 6 to 10% arginine, ~~from about~~ 4 to 8% histidine, ~~from about~~ 8 to 12% isoleucine, ~~from about~~ 16 to 20% leucine, from about 13 to 17% lysine, from about 2 to 7% methionine, from about 6 to 10% phenylalanine, from about 8 to 12% threonine, from about 1 to 4% tryptophan, from about 9 to 13% valine, from about 2 to 5% cystine, and from about 2 to 6% tyrosine.
9. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition ~~of claim 1~~ contains from about 4 to 8% by weight lactose.
10. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains about 0.50% by weight fructooligosaccharide.
11. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains from about 27 to 37% by weight fatty acids.
12. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 1 in which said composition contains from about 15 to 25% by weight essential amino acids.
- 13 - 36 *(Canceled)*.